

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**Mayor and Council**  
**Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey**  
**January 23, 2013**

**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order**

**Time: 7:01pm**

**Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been e-mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

**(ALB) Roll Call:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<b>Council</b>		
DUNLEA (JD)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
RYAN (MR)		x
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)  
Police Chief Albert Maalouf (AM)

**(JD) Budget Discussions**

Review DPW Department revised budget numbers  
Review Police Department revised budget numbers  
Review Fire Department revised budget numbers  
~~Review Recreation Department budget~~  
Review Construction Department budget

**Review Police Department**

JD Determined that the Police Budget should be thorough discussed first due to its size and number of items. JP requested Chief Maalouf to attend to explain the budget requests and answer all questions.

AM explained the Overtime budget request updated to \$130, 000 as per the Supt. Of School requesting police coverage. The basic OT request took into account past history which would be \$110K which includes court time.

AM noted that this year's calculation all include the two additional officers that were hired this year.

AM noted the \$30K added in for Over time- that would be to cover the schools-however there has been no dialog between council and the school board. After extensive discussion it was determined that Chief Maalouf should contact Dr. Fried had inform him that overtime would needed to be covered by the school budget and that formal request needs to be provided to council. JC will speak with Dr. Fried as well, and try to work out something amicably for the benefit of the students. AM will continue to keep a strong presence in the school during the day, without any overtime.

AM stated that officers have offered to work at the school at a reduced rate when they are off work.

AM also discussed the parameters of the salaries of the police officers and what they are entitled to contractually. This includes salary increases, step-levels and longevity.

JD note that the department needs to work as tightly as possible this year.

A list of various items and repairs were submitted including computer equipment, building repairs, radios and vehicles.

PAH noted that some of this may be purchased through funds left in the 2011 bond.

AM slightly increased his public relations budget which included profession organizations that benefit the department greatly, keeping all abreast of changes and regulations.

Changes made to the police budget were as follows:

240-1	014	\$80,000 over time
240-2	077	\$10,000 communications
240-2	117	\$5200.00 headquarters
240-2	148	\$2000.00 traffic control
240-2	026	\$8000.00 maintenance, police station

### **Review DPW Department**

GE reviewed and explained the parameter of each line for the DPW. This section had been reviewed at an earlier meeting.

Current changes made were the following:

290-2	030	\$6500.00 deicing materials
315-3	165	\$8,000 vehicle maintenance

There is some tree work that has been requested from the Board of Education for trees that are on town property that boarder the school- this amount will need to be added into the budget.

Projected salary increases for all personnel have been included in the budgeted amount.

GE stated that without going into details at this time, if so necessary, Council may want to consider closing the Recycling Center completely, depending on what stringent steps may need to made to achieve the 2% CAP.

### **Review Fire Department**

AN met with the Fire Department and they were able to reduce their budget accordingly:

265-2 042 \$2400.00 operations  
265-2 056 \$12,505.00 protective equipment  
265-2 025 \$14,300.00 vehicle maintenance  
265-2 101 \$17,800.00 clothing etc.

The figures above include required periodicals, fax machine, hose nozzles, a variety of equipment replacements, updates and repairs.

Capital equipment includes a vent saw, 2 generators and a smoke injector. Alb will review the request list and see what can be covered under the balance of the 2011 bond funds.

### **(JD) Bond 2013**

Anne Murphy has explained to JD that there is not sufficient funds to prepare a bond for capital items-she recommends that Council and departments use the balance of the past bond funds from 2011.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Meeting Open to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second AN**

**Vote AIF**

### **Meeting Closed to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JD**

**Vote AIF**

### **Closed Session Time: 9:38PM**

**Motion JD**

**Second GE**

**Vote AIF**

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

1. Personnel-Finance Office

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

**Return to Open Session Time: 9:53PM**

**Motion GE**

**Second JD**

**Vote AIF**

**The following resolution was passed**

**MOTION**

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano to increase Ms. Debra Rielly's work hours to full time (with health benefits waived) at her current hourly wage. Responsibilities will include her current position with the Building Department as well as additional duties in the Finance Department.

**No discussion followed.**

	MOTION	SECOND				
Roll Call Vote			YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DUNLEA (JD)			x			
EVANELLA (GE)		x	x			
PEDERSEN (JP)			x			
RYAN (MR)						x
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x		x			
CHUNG (JC)			x			

**Adjournment-Time: 9:55PM**

**Motion: GE**

**Second: JP**

**Vote: AIF**